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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I would like to take a moment to express my displeasure with the currently proposed settlement in the Microsoft Anti-trust Lawsuit.

My understanding of the settlement is that Microsoft is to give copies of it's Operating System and software to schools, etc. This whole issue was brought about by Microsoft's manipulations to get their software on as many computers as possible. The proposed settlement would merely extend the current issue into schools without rectifying the original issue.

While I don't like punitive actions, I believe that a solution that is more inline with solving the original issue is warranted here.

Personally, I think a settlement that creates more competition within the Operating System software industry would be the best solution. Possibly a settlement that would require MS to supply schools with computers with an alternative Operating System such as Linux or the Macintosh Operating System.

Thanks for your kind attention.

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